GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3937
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AVAILABILITY OF DAILY FLIGHT FROM BAGDOGRA AIRPORT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that daily flights were available from Bagdogra Airport upto 1998 or 1999;

(b) if so, whether the Government are also aware that for the last one year the flights are being operated only thrice in a week from this airport;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the time by which the daily flights facility are likely to be available from Bagdogra Airport?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a), (b) and (c): Upto 29.10.2000, IA and Jet Airways were operating following flights to/from Bagdogra:-

Indian Airlines:

- Delhi/Bagdogra/Guwahati/Delhi ... Mon, Wed & Fri
- Calcutta/Bagdogra/Calcutta ... -do-

Jet Airways:

- Delhi/Guwahati/Bagdogra/Delhi ... Mon, Wed & Fri
- Delhi/Bagdogra/Guwahati/Delhi ... Tue, Thu, Sat & Sun
- Calcutta/Bagdogra/Calcutta ... Mon, Tue & Sat

Bagdogra airfield belongs to the Indian Air Force (IAF). As IAF decided to make available civil operations only on Monday, Friday and Saturday w.e.f. 1.11.2000 due to runways recarpetting work a t the airport, the flights to/from Bagdogra have accordingly been rescheduled as follows:-

Indian Airlines:

- Delhi/Bagdogra/Guwahati/Delhi ... Mon & Fri
- Calcutta/Bagdogra/Calcutta ... Mon, Fri & Sat

Jet Airways:

- Delhi/Bagdogra/Guwahati/Delhi ... Mon, Fri & Sat
- Calcutta/Guwahati/Bagdogra & return ... -do-

(d) The flights will be restored as and when runway carpetting work is completed at Bagdogra and IAF informs suitably about the availability of civil operation on daily basis.